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Re: K013648
Trade/Device Name: The GORE VIABAHN® Endoprosthesis
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 878.3720
Regulation Name: Tracheal prosthesis
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: JCT
Dated: November 2, 2001
Received: November 5, 2001

Dear Mr. Capehart:

This letter corrects our substantially equivalent letter of January 8, 2002.

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

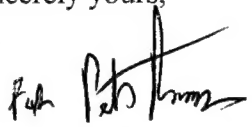
Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); good manufacturing practice requirements as set

forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

This letter will allow you to continue marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please contact the Office of Compliance at (240) 276-0115. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (240) 276-3150 or at its Internet address http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html

Sincerely yours,



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and Neurological Devices
Office of Device Evaluation
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510(k) Number (if known) : **K013648**

Device Name : The GORE VIABAHN® Endoprosthesis

Indications for Use:

The GORE VIABAHN® Endoprosthesis is indicated for the treatment of tracheobronchial strictures produced by malignant neoplasms.

(PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE. CONTINUE ON ANOTHER PAGE IF NEEDED.)

Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

(Division Sign-Off)

Division of General, Restorative, and Neurological Devices

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Prescription Use ✓
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

Over the Counter Use _____

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XI. Summary of Safety and Effectiveness

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Date Prepared

November 1, 2001
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Trade or Proprietary Name

VIABAHN™ Endoprosthesis

Common or Usual Name

Tracheal Endoprosthesis

Classification Name

Tracheal Prosthesis

Device Predicates

Ultraflex™ Tracheobronchial Stent System, WALLSTENT® Tracheobronchial Endoprosthesis, aSpire Covered Stent and Delivery Catheter

Device Description

The *VIABAHN*™ Endoprosthesis is a self-expanding implantable endoprosthesis that is compressed and secured on the distal end of a catheter delivery system. The catheter delivery system provides a means for implanting the endoprosthesis at a target location

Device Description (cont'd)

within the tracheobronchial tract. The endoprosthesis consists of a fluoropolymeric tube with a nitinol structure located over its external surface. The catheter delivery system is configured with radiopaque markers and is designed for use with guidewires.

Statement of Intended Use

The *VIABAHN*™ Endoprosthesis is indicated for the treatment of tracheobronchial strictures produced by malignant neoplasms.

Substantial Equivalence

A variety of tests, assessments, and comparisons demonstrate that the *VIABAHN*™ Endoprosthesis is substantially equivalent to the cited predicates in terms of composition, design, intended use, and performance attributes.